

2nd Information Circular
23rd MEPAG Meeting
September 30 – October 1, 2010

Letter of Invitation

Members of the Mars community,

To follow-up to my message last month, I cordially invite you to attend the next meeting of the Mars Exploration Program Analysis Group (MEPAG), scheduled for September 30 to October 1, 2010 at the DoubleTree Hotel, Monrovia, CA. Reservation information and maps are attached. The MEPAG meeting follows the 4th MSL Landing Site Workshop, which runs September 27-29 in the same venue. I especially encourage participants at the landing site workshop to stay over for the MEPAG meeting, and people who are planning to come to the MEPAG meeting to come a few days early for the landing site activity.

Attached to this message is the detailed agenda for the MEPAG meeting, which will begin at 8:30 AM on Thursday, Sept. 30, with coffee and mingling beforehand. The meeting is open to all members of the Mars science community, specifically including our international colleagues. In addition, we will broadcast the meeting via WebEx for those who cannot attend in person.

I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Sincerely,
Dr. David Des Marais
MEPAG Chair

Agenda for MEPAG meeting of September 30 & October 1, 2010 in Monrovia, CA

Start	Time	Agenda Item	
Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all time speakers should assume that 30-50% of their time allocation is for discussion.			
Day 1 – Thursday September 30, 2010			
08:30 AM	00:15	Welcome; MEPAG Purpose, Scope, Expected Results	D. Des Marais
08:45 AM	00:30	Mars Program Director's Comments	D. McCuiston
09:15 AM	00:30	ESA's Mars Exploration Activities	M. Coradini/J. Vago
09:45 AM	00:15	Break	
10:00 AM	00:30	Mars Program Status	F. Li
10:30 AM	00:45	Mars Program Lead Scientist's Comments	M. Meyer
11:15 AM	00:45	2016 Selections	P. Crane/J. Vago
12:00 PM	01:30	Lunch	
01:30 PM	00:30	Decadal Survey Update	S. Squyres
02:00 PM	00:20	Spirit: Status and future science plan	S. Squyres
02:20 PM		Reports on Mission Planning Activity	
02:20 PM	01:00	E2E-iSAG: Community input into initial planning	M. Sephton/S. McLennan
03:20 PM	00:15	Break	
03:35 PM	01:00	Mars Outreach Strategy	M. Viotti
04:35 PM	00:25	Day 1 discussion and wrap-up	D. Des Marais
05:00 PM		Adjourn	
Day 2 – Friday October 1, 2010			
08:00 AM	00:15	Recap of yesterday and goals for today	D. Des Marais
08:15 AM	00:45	ESMD Status and Update	Mike Wargo
09:00 AM		Mars Themed Workshop reports	
09:00 AM	00:15	Conference on Mars Sedimentology and Stratigraphy	J. Grotzinger
09:15 AM	00:15	Second International Planetary Dunes Workshop	T. Titus
09:30 AM	00:15	AbSciCon MSR Landing Sites	C. Allen/A. Allwood
09:45 AM	00:15	Break	
10:00 AM	00:30	MSL Landing site update	M. Golombek/J. Grant
10:30 AM	00:30	Future landing sites	R. Zurek/J. Grant
11:00 AM	00:30	Goals Committee	J. Johnson
11:30 AM	00:30	Discussion/Future Planning for MEPAG Activities	D. Des Marais
12:00 PM		Adjourn	

WebEx Directions

Topic: MEPAG meeting

Date: Every 1 day, from Thursday, September 30, 2010 to Friday, October 1, 2010

Time: 8:00 am, Pacific Time (San Francisco, GMT-07:00)

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Basic Logistics

- Date: Thursday, September 30 – 8:30 AM until 5:00 PM.
Friday, October 1 – 8:00 AM until noon
- Location: The DoubleTree Hotel Monrovia, 924 W. Huntington Drive, Monrovia, California, United States 91016. The hotel is located directly off the Huntington Drive exit of the 210 freeway east, about 15 minutes east of JPL. Directions are available on the DoubleTree Hotel website <http://doubletree1.hilton.com/>.
- Hotel Reservation Information: The DoubleTree Hotel Monrovia (626-357-1900) is making 30 rooms available to us on Thursday and 20 rooms on Friday (rate of \$128/night). Rooms have high-speed Internet service. To secure a reservation, contact the hotel directly and specify that you want the JPL rate and you will be attending the MEPAG meeting. Or you can make your reservation online at http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/LAXMVDT-MEP-20100926/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id+POG (Group Name is JPL – MEPAG; Group Code is MEP). The deadline when the hotel will release any unreserved rooms from the MEPAG block for general sale is September 15, 2010; however, it is best to make your reservation early.
- Additional Hotels: Other hotels in the area are listed below. Note we have not made any special arrangements with these hotels.
- Meeting RSVP: So that we can plan the meeting logistics (e.g., seating, morning and afternoon refreshments, name badges, handouts, etc.), we request that all participants RSVP by September 22, 2010, to Joyce Pulliam (Joyce.N.Pulliam@jpl.nasa.gov). Please note that an RSVP is not required to attend the meeting, but primarily for planning purposes.

If you need additional information, please contact Charles Budney, MEPAG meeting coordinator, charles.j.budney@jpl.nasa.gov, phone = 818-354-3981, FAX = 818-393-3035. If you have updates to the master MEPAG e-mail list (either correction of faulty e-mail addresses, addition of Mars science colleagues who have been inadvertently omitted), or deletions, please contact Joyce Pulliam (Joyce.N.Pulliam@jpl.nasa.gov).

Additional area hotels:

700 Huntington Hotel
700 W. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, CA 91016
Phone: 626-357-5211

Extended Stay America Arcadia
401 E. Santa Clara St., Arcadia, CA 91006
Phone: 626-446-6422

Embassy Suites
211 E. Huntington Dr., Arcadia, CA 91006
Phone: 626-445-8525

Hampton Inn
311 E. Huntington Dr., Arcadia, CA 91006
Phone: 626-574-5600

Hilton Garden Inn
199 N. Second Ave., Arcadia, CA 91006
Phone: 626-574-6900

Homestead Studio Suites Monrovia
930 S. Fifth Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016
Phone: 626-256-6999

Residence Inn
321 E. Huntington Dr., Arcadia, CA 91006
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